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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6312**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1322

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 26, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Election of Judges.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the election of judges in Lake County and eliminates the Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission. It continues the current judges in office until the end of the judges' terms.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** No additional costs would likely occur because of election requirements. This is because under current law, a retention vote is taken for judges whose term of office expires during the general election. Consequently, because judges would be elected at the general election every six years, this bill would not result in any additional costs.

This bill would also not reduce expenditures to Lake County. This is because under current law, members of the Commission serve without compensation.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Lake County Judicial Nominating Commission

**Information Sources:** IC 33-5-29.5-28, IC 33-5-29.5-42